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1. Five modern barges have recently been completed in the Korneuburg shipyards and handed over to the Soviets. The crew capacity of these vessels is four and the crew members are accommodated in well-furnished cabins. Each barge has a load capacity of from 90 to 100 freight carloads at normal water level. The barges, which look very like tugs, have radio receiving-and-transmitting sets, steam heating and diesel-generated electric power for lighting. They were built for use on the lower Danube.

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2. The Soviet crews have already taken possession of these barges, which will be towed by tugs as far as Reni, USSR; their ultimate destination is unknown.

3. A seagoing tug with a 1,200 H.P. engine has been built for the Soviets at Korneuburg. It closely resembles the seagoing motor-driven ship SZEGED and is as yet unnamed. Its test trip took place on 10 January 1953, after which it was due to leave for Reni.

4. The following ships are under repair at Korneuburg:

   a. The LENINGRAD (Soviet); repairs are due to be completed in March 1953.

   b. The SEVERIN (Rumanian); a tug with twin funnels; oil-burning; 750 H.P. Repairs are due to be completed in March 1953.

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